

Childers Votes to Protect Americans, Support Intelligence Community

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Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Travis Childers (MS-01) voted to protect Americans and strengthen our national security by providing critical resources for human intelligence collection and counterterrorism activities. The Intelligence Authorization Act will improve oversight of covert actions, direct essential funding for efforts abroad, and boost foreign language capabilities to ensure that intelligence officers have the critical tools they need to carry out operations around the world.

“Today’s legislation provides the American intelligence community with the resources it needs to gather accurate, detailed intelligence and fully prevent breaches in our national security.” said Congressman Childers. “The most effective way to combat terrorism is to prevent it from happening in the first place, through diligent intelligence operations. The Intelligence Authorization Act will allow us to block threats to U.S. citizens on American soil or abroad, and is a critical step toward ensuring that our nation and our people are safe and secure.”

The bill contains critical provisions to enhance the nation’s cybersecurity efforts and to better fight the proliferation of WMD’s worldwide. The bill increases funding for intelligence efforts in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan, and funds efforts to address emerging national security issues in places like Africa and Latin America.

*A pro-gun, pro-life Mississippian, Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) represents the First Congressional District in North Mississippi. He is a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and serves on the House Agriculture and Financial Services Committee. Congressman Childers co-chairs the reestablished bipartisan Congressional Rural Caucus and was appointed to the bipartisan Second Amendment Task Force. For more information, visit [w
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